

Community Resilience Briefing – 17 June 2022

Welcome to The Highland Council's fortnightly briefing for groups with an interest in local community resilience.

Covid related information

- [Scottish Government Covid-19 Guidance](#)
- [NHS Inform Covid data](#)
- [NHS Inform Covid information and guidance](#)
- [NHS Highland local vaccination information](#)

Funding

SCVO is a key source of funding information for the third sector <https://scvo.scot/funding>. Funds that may be of interest include:

- [The Gordon & Ena Baxter Foundation](#)

This fund supports capital projects that cover any of the following: education, health, care, sports, arts and heritage, and conservation and environment. Next deadline: 29 July 2022

- [The Westminster Foundation - Small Grant Programme](#)

Offers support to organisations creating opportunities for young people and helping tackle the causes and impacts of inter-generational inequality. Next deadline: Panel meets every ten weeks.

- [Highlands and Islands Environment Foundation Grants](#)

Supports projects fitting the foundations areas of interest, including - montane, fresh water, marine and coastal, forest and woodland. Next deadline: September

- [Highland Climate Festival Funding](#)

Available to help enable events/workshops/activities within communities relating to climate action.

Community Ownership Fund – Round 2 Launched

On Friday, the [prospectus](#) for the second round of the UK Government's Community Ownership Fund was published. This fund helps communities take ownership of assets at risk of closure.

What is COF?

The Community Ownership Fund is a £150m UK-wide fund that will run between 2021/22 and 2024/25 and aims to help communities take ownership of assets and amenities at risk of closure. It is open to voluntary and community organisations and supports the purchase and/or renovation costs of assets in their local area.

How Round 2 has changed

Since Round 1, the fund has moved to a two-stage process with an initial 'Expression of Interest' stage to determine eligibility and bid readiness followed by a detailed application, which can be made to any of the three bidding windows that will be available this year.

Key dates

- 'Expression of Interest' stage opens on 10th June 2022 and will remain open throughout the life of this round. This stage must be completed before submitting a detailed application.

- 1st detailed application window will close 12pm 19th August 2022
- 2 more windows before March 2023

Community Composting Fund

<https://www.farmgarden.org.uk/join-us/competitions-and-opportunities-our-membership#Grind>

Details courtesy of Reina at the Highland Waste Partnership:

Purpose of Fund: to deliver activities at a community garden that promotes composting at home

Value of funding available: £1,300

Caveats to funding: Need to register as a SF&G member (free to do so, can see Blooming Gardeners are already registered)

What Can fund be spent on? Staff time, resources, equipment (revenue and capital)

Estimated time to complete: I would advise 0.5 day to complete an application if eg Blooming Gardeners were to use the funding to pay for their gardeners' time to deliver a couple of composting workshops.

Deadline to complete: 5pm, June 29th

Welfare, poverty reduction and resilience

- **Accessing food in Highland from Cfine/FareShare - No Good Food Should Go To Waste**
From June 2022, FareShare will take on the provision of food support to community groups in the Highland Council area requiring help with food supplies for their projects. Contact the FareShare local development officer Michael Sutherland, email Msutherland@cfine.org for details.

Groups considering using FareShare for the first time can find more details at the following link <https://fareshare.org.uk/getting-food/>. Once interest is registered online, the local development officer will contact you to discuss the membership process.

CFINE operates FareShare Scotland in the North of Scotland, which is part of the FareShare UK network. They take good, in-date surplus from the food industry that would otherwise go to waste and redistribute it to charities and community organisations. They are already in partnership supporting a number of community organisations across Highland.

- **CyberScotland Bulletin June 2022**

View the CyberScotland Bulletin online here:

<https://www.cyberscotland.com/june-2022/>

The CyberScotland Bulletin will provide you with information about the latest threats, scams, news and updates covering cyber security and cyber resilience topics. We hope you continue to benefit from this resource, and we ask that you circulate this information to your networks, adapting where you see fit.

This month's topics include:

- New guidance puts staff welfare at the heart of incident response
- Free email security check service
- LinkedIn, Think Before You Link
- Protecting yourself and your devices while on holiday and more..

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- **Education Maintenance Allowance**

Applications now being accepted for Education Maintenance Allowance for the new academic year

All eligible young people are being encouraged to apply for a weekly, term time allowance of £30 per week from August 2022.

https://www.highland.gov.uk/news/article/14621/applications_now_being_accepted_for_education_maintenance_allowance_for_the_new_academic_year

Mental Health and Wellbeing

- [NHS Highland Mental Wellbeing](#) – a collection of resources and signposts to help people of all ages to look after their own mental wellbeing
- **Prescribe Culture Breakfast Briefing – Invitation**
The Breakfast Briefing will take place on Monday 20 June 2022 at 08:30 – 09:00 - click [here](#) to book.

At the briefing you will hear about Prescribe Culture - the University of Edinburgh's award-winning heritage-based, non-clinical initiative supporting health, social care and wellbeing, click [here](#) for more info. As part of a UKRI funded research project, the University of Highlands and Islands and University of Edinburgh are working with High Life Highland's Archives, Museums and Countryside Rangers Services as well as Museums Heritage Highland to pilot Prescribe Culture in Highland.

If you would like the opportunity to be a referral partner into the Prescribe Culture Highlands pilot, please book your place on this briefing session and/or email PrescribeCulture@ed.ac.uk for more details.

Emergency Planning

- Met Office Weather Warnings <https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/warnings-and-advice/uk-warnings#?date=2022-06-17>
- Met Office Weather Ready <https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/warnings-and-advice/weatherready>
- Floodline Scotland <https://floodlinescotland.org.uk/>
- Ready Scotland - preparing for emergencies <https://ready.scot/>